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January 26, 2009

House Committee on Highways and Transportation
Montana State Legislature
Helena, Montana

Dear Representatives:

**SUBJECT: SENATE BILL 88 - REVISE AND CLARIFY SCHOOL
SPEED ZONE LAW**

On behalf of the Board of Trustees and the students and staff of the Great Falls Public Schools, I wish to express support of Senate Bill 88. To protect students is always a priority to the school district.

Enacting the proposed definition of "school zone" into law will clarify the matter for the public while enhancing the safety culture around school properties in the State of Montana.

Please take the necessary action to pass Senate Bill 88 into law and in so doing provide for greater traffic safety for Montana's school children.

Sincerely,

Cheryl Crawley
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January 26, 2009

Montana State Legislature
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Helena, MT 59601

Re: Support of SB 88 entitled "An Act Revising Altered Speed Limit Provisions for School Zones; Defining "School Zone;" Clarifying Signing Requirements for School Zones; and, Amending §§ 61-8-101, 61-8-310 and 61-8-726, MCA.

Dear members of the 2009 State Legislature:

The City Commission of the City of Great Falls supports the efforts of SB 88 as amended. After reviewing this bill and its amendments, this Commission is in agreement that this bill is needed and is long overdue. Senate Bill 88, if enacted, will place a definition of a school zone into state law and will help clarify the understanding of school zones and building safety awareness around our state's school properties and avenues of approach to our school zones/areas.

Great Falls has taken the lead in promoting school safety issues and encourages other locations to review their programs, signage requirements and enforcement procedures in and around school properties/zones and areas.

We ask that SB 88 be passed into law to help Montana clarify and strengthen Montana's traffic codes.

Sincerely,

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Dona R. Stebbins
Mayor

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Bill Beecher
Commissioner

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Mary Jolley
Commissioner

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Bill Bronson
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John Rosenbaum
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